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PLOT TO DESTROY N. Y. CUSTOMS HOUSE

Mercer County Fair Buildings Destroyed By Flames



Looking Southwest to Ticket Office.
Breaking out at 2 o'clock this afternoon, fire this afternoon destroyed Mercer county fair buildings valued between \$5,000 and \$10,000, sheep belonging to M. T. Warwick and valued at \$2,500, the property of L. M. Gilmore. The beef, cattle and poultry barns were razed by the flames, efficient work of the Aledo fire department preventing the spread of the flames and entire destruction of all the fair buildings.



Main Entrance to Grounds.

FIRE RAZES ALEDO FAIR BUILDINGS

Structures Are Levelled By
Flames—30 Head of
Sheep Destroyed.

(By Staff Correspondent.)
Aledo, Ill., Sept. 20.—Fire of unknown origin starting on the roof of the poultry barn at the Mercer county fair grounds at 2 o'clock this afternoon, swept the north side of the grounds, destroying the beef, cattle and poultry barns, together with 30 head of sheep and one prize hog. The loss to the fair association is between \$5,000 and \$10,000, according to estimates of Secretary E. P. McFarland.
Floral hall on the south side of the grounds was threatened for a time but the efficient work of the Aledo fire department saved this structure. All other live stock with the exception of the sheep and one hog had been removed from the grounds. The sheep belonged to M. T. Warwick and were valued at between \$3,000 and \$4,000. Mr. Warwick was preparing to remove them to the state fair at Nebraska for exhibition. The hog, a prize Duroc, was property of L. M. Gilmore and was worth between \$1,500 and \$2,000.

Covered By Insurance.
The blaze is believed to have resulted from sparks emanating from a bonfire started near the poultry barn. The barns were of frame construction and were quickly leveled to the ground.
The loss to the fair association is covered by insurance.
The Mercer county fair closed Saturday with a record of the largest attendance in its history. More than \$20,000 in admissions were taken in.

POLICE SAY FOX IS NOT LEROY

Detained Suspect Not the Perpetrator of "Trunk Murder."

Montevideo, Sept. 20.—Morris Fox, the young man detained here on the supposition that he might be Eugene Leroy, the alleged perpetrator of the Detroit "trunk murder," is not Leroy, police officials of this city announced last night. Finger print records established complete proof of Fox's innocence.

SINN FEINERS FIGHT BRITISH

Sharp Skirmish in Which Military Have Benefit of Armored Machines.

Dublin, Sept. 20.—(United Press.)—Sinn Feiners and British soldiers yesterday engaged in a sharp skirmish which resulted in one Sinn Feiner dead and 40 taken prisoner. Several were injured. The Sinn Feiners used rifles and bombs. The military had the benefit of armored cars.

KILL CHAUFFEUR WITH IRON BAR

Mystery Surrounds Murder of John W. Gray Near Independence, Missouri.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 20.—(United Press.)—Mystery today surrounds the murder of John W. Gray, chauffeur, whose blood-covered body was found in the woods near Independence Sunday. He had been beaten to death with an iron bar. The high-powered touring car Gray drove for a livery company is missing. "Bright light" characters said to have been in the machine Saturday night.

SECRET CONFAB HELD AT RIGA ON PEACE TERMS

London, Sept. 20.—(United Press.)—A Riga dispatch to the London Chronicle today said the formal Polish-Russian peace conference had not been begun, but John Dumbell and Adolph Joffe, the two leaders, had a two-hour secret conference.
Joffe, the soviet agent, was reported to have gone to the meeting in one of the former czar's royal cars.

DYING MAYOR WRITES LETTER TO IRISHMEN

MacSwiney, Packed in
Hot Water Bottles, Ad-
dresses Countrymen.

London, Sept. 20.—Terence MacSwiney, lord mayor of Cork, had a bad night and was very weak this morning, according to a bulletin issued by the Irish Self-Determination league.
MacSwiney last night wrote a message to Irishmen throughout the world on behalf of himself and the hunger strikers in Cork jail. The lord mayor said in part:
"If this cold blooded murder is pushed through it will leave a stain on the name of England, which has no parallel in her history and which nothing will ever efface. We feel singularly privileged at being made instruments of God for evoking such world-wide expressions of admiration and support for the cause of Irish independence and recognition of the Irish republic."

London, Sept. 20.—(United Press.)—Terence MacSwiney, hunger striking lord mayor of Cork, was bottled up in hot water bottles today. Eminent scientists called by the government said life could be prolonged if bodily heat could be maintained.
MacSwiney was reported exceedingly weak after a night of fitful sleep, but the beginning of his 39th day of fasting was marked by no perceptible change.
The physiological aspect of MacSwiney's strike aroused intense interest among scientists.

Sinn Fein leaders reiterated their belief today MacSwiney's spiritual faith and his intense political convictions were upholding him.
MacSwiney, dozing fitfully, began his thirty-ninth day of hunger striking today. The last bulletin from Sinn Fein headquarters said he was perceptibly weaker but still conscious.

Friends of the lord mayor vigorously denied the imputation of the London Times that MacSwiney's visitors were supplying him with food. The Times, asking "who is feeding MacSwiney?" pointed out that the lord mayor and the hunger strikers in Cork almost equalled the record of Dr. Tanner, who fasted 40 days, much to the wonder of the medical world.

FATHER AND SON REUNITED

George R. Rheinhart of Rockford Gets Boy Back After Many Years.

Dixon, Ill., Sept. 20.—George R. Rheinhart, 905 West State street, Rockford, Ill., was yesterday reunited with his son, Theodore, aged 22, whom he had not seen since the parents separated when the boy was less than a year old. The boy returned to Rockford with his father and will make his future home there.

THE WEATHER

Partly cloudy and somewhat unsettled tonight and Tuesday. Not much change in temperature.
Highest yesterday, 88; lowest last night, 67.
Wind velocity at 7 a. m., 3 miles per hour.
12 M. 7 P.M. 7 A.M.
yesterday, yesterday, today
Dry bulb temp. 82 79 70
Wet bulb temp. 67 65 63
Relative humid. 46 48 57
River stage 2.3, no change in last 48 hours.
River Forecast.
J. M. SHERIDAN, Meteorologist.
Only slight changes in the Mississippi will occur from below Dubuque to Muscatine.

COX FACING HARD FIGHT IN FAR WEST

Were It Not for Bequeathed
Prejudices Governor
Might Carry State.

BY DAVID LAWRENCE.
(Special to The Argus.)

San Francisco, Sept. 20.—Two hours is almost senatorial length of a political speech, but Governor Cox kept 10,000 people attentive, as he covered in his main speech here practically every subject from the Bible, to the troubles of Ireland. The crowd liked the speech and on two occasions rose to applaud.

Governor Cox is in some respects like Hiram Johnson in his method of carrying audiences into high pitches of enthusiasm by a series of climaxes.
The Democratic nominee got most of his applause in the first hour of his address and closed with an emotional appeal for the League of Nations that brought tears to the eyes of men and women, touched by reference to the soldier dead.

Judging by the effectiveness of the governor's address with the relatively small crowd he faced here, one or two of the Democratic leaders who have been disposed to be lukewarm about the Cox campaign said afterwards that if he'd stay in California from now until election time and carry his message into every community of the state he would easily carry the state.
Handles Issues Skillfully.

That, however, is only another way of saying two things. First, that the Democratic leaders were convinced that Governor Cox has a splendid array of arguments and handles the issues skillfully; and second, that because of a hostile press they fear that Cox doctrine will not be widely distributed in California and that therefore he may not carry the state.

The Democratic presidential nominee covered plenty of ground in his speech. He pledged himself to present the cause of Ireland to the League of Nations if he should be elected. He said that money now being spent for battleships would be spent for a reclamation and irrigation projects.
He contrasted his own nomination after 44 ballots at San Francisco with the selection of Senator Harding at Chicago "in a smoke-filled hotel room in the early hours of the morning."

He praised Hiram Johnson as a progressive and said he believed Hiram's voice may be for Harding but not his heart.
There was a demonstration of enthusiasm when Governor Cox mentioned the name of President Wilson, who spoke in the same hall just a year ago this week.

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CHICAGO JUDGE IN DICE GAME

Bells Iveries With a Negro Shooter for a Fine and Wines.

Chicago, Sept. 20.—Municipal Judge Stewart rolled the dice with "Thirsty" Smiddy, negro crap shooter, for a fine in the Chicago Avenue court today, and Smiddy lost.
Judge Stewart ordered the negro to shoot craps against a \$1 and costs verdict. Smiddy made an eight, nine turned up next, followed by "little Joe." Smiddy talked to the cubes and begged for a fight. He got a seven.
"You lose," said the court.

N. Y. ASSEMBLY MAY RE-EXPEL FIVE SOCIALISTS

Issue Overshadows Housing Problem Which is At An Acute Stage.

Albany, N. Y., Sept. 20.—Interest in the housing shortage which the legislature was to consider in special session tonight, was subordinated at the capitol today to a general discussion of what action, if any, the assembly would take regarding the five expelled Socialists, re-elected at special elections last week to fill their own vacancies. The Socialists were found guilty of charges of disloyalty last April after a trial that occupied the attention of the assembly almost continuously from the opening of the 1920 session.

Speaker Sweet, who was generally regarded as the prime mover in the ouster proceedings last January, was expected to have a conference with legislative leaders today.
Some members of the legislature, who voted to oust the Socialists, have let it be known that they have not changed their view notwithstanding the re-election of the quintet.

Attorney-General Newton said today that the seating or unseating of the Socialists was a matter entirely for the assembly to decide. In reference to the stand of some assemblymen that the Socialists are as guilty now as the day they were expelled, the attorney-general said: "These men were expelled from the assembly because they were members of a party which, during the trial, was found to be disloyal and opposed to our form of government. Since the trial I understand the Socialists have eliminated or amended the un-American clauses of their constitution."
The attorney-general mentioned the action of the Socialist national convention, which amended its constitution so that only American citizens would be eligible for membership on the governing committees of the party.

Housing Problems Acute.

One of the most important measures which the housing committee is expected to recommend to the legislature, is designed to provide for the exemption of mortgages from the state income tax provisions for a definite length of time, probably eight years.

Albany, N. Y., Sept. 20.—(United Press.)—Major Lewis Culliver, New York Democrat, had a resolution introduced instructing the judiciary committee to report back to the assembly on the eligibility of the five Socialists. He planned to submit this immediately after the assembly convenes tonight. He was one of the leading figures in the previous prosecution of the Socialists.
Speaker "Ted" Sweet, Republican, who took the initiative in expelling the Socialists, has publicly announced his intention of resuming the fight to oust them.

COAL CONTROL BY 'SOVIETS'

London, Sept. 20.—Extraordinary rumors are in circulation throughout Lancashire to the effect that the leaders of the Scottish communist movement have planned a sensational coup to be sprung near Glasgow, says a dispatch to the Westminster Gazette, from Hamilton, Scotland.
"It is asserted that the cashiers and officials have been indirectly told that seizure of the coal pits is imminent and that it is proposed to establish a soviet system of mining controls," the dispatch adds. "The authorities are not skeptical of the rumors."
A dispatch almost similar in tone has been received by the Exchange Telegraph.

DRIVE REDS FROM GALICIA

Warsaw, Sept. 20.—Russian bolshevik forces have been driven out of eastern Galicia by a general Polish advance along the southern front.

LEAGUE TO CHECK WAR IN POLAND

Council of Nations Gains
Initial Success in Sus-
pending Hostilities.

Paris, Sept. 20.—Poland and Lithuania have agreed to suspend all hostilities, pending an inquiry and decision of the issues at stake by the council of the League of Nations, it was announced here this morning.
Paris, Sept. 20.—(United Press.)—Dramatically clashing hands before councillors of the League of Nations, Ignace Paderewski and A. Valdemar accepted the league's findings in the Polish-Lithuanian dispute, in which war was threatened.

Both Paderewski and Valdemar said up to two weeks ago they believed the dispute between the two countries could have been settled only by war.
Acceptance of the findings marked the league's first success in blocking threatened war.
The league council held an open session today in the Luxembourg palace. It was to discuss its power to act in another territorial dispute between northern European countries—the Oland Islands differences between Sweden and Finland. Finnish representatives were expected to protest the council's decision to appoint a commission to report on the matter.

As the secretary completed reading the league's proposals, Valdemar arose from his seat to accept them for Lithuania. In a brief speech he complimented representatives of the countries present and paid a tribute to the league as making a proper start in its first attempt at arbitration. Paderewski, addressing Valdemar, spoke in glowing terms of his "honorable adversary."
"You are no longer an adversary. Henceforth we are colleagues," he extended his hand. Valdemar, apparently under great emotional stress, shook hands warmly. Several in the tense audience burst into tears.

The league's proposal in settlement of the Polish-Lithuanian dispute was that Lithuania provisionally accepts the boundary line prescribed by the supreme council in December, 1919, and will withdraw all troops to the western line during negotiations. Poland agreed to respect Lithuanian territory during the Russo-Polish war if the soviets will do likewise. The council will appoint a commission to supervise the fulfillment of the terms and assist in the negotiations between the countries.

SEDGWICK ON TALK STRIKE

Alleged Murderer Refuses to Utter Sound Since His Confinement.

Muskegon, Mich., Sept. 20.—(United Press.)—Dr. Otis W. Sedgwick, in jail here in connection with the death of his wife and daughter at Whitehall, Mich., today started his sixth day of a hunger and thirst strike. He has not touched food or water since his arrest, although efforts have been made to feed him.

ITALY HONORS GENERAL WOOD

Washington, Sept. 20.—An investigation of the action of the Iowa state board of railroad commissioners in dismissing the petition of railroads in that state for authority to increase intra-state passenger and Pullman charges was ordered today by the interstate commerce commission. Hearings will begin Oct. 6, at Des Moines before Examiner Flynn.

FOOD PRICE GOES DOWN.

Washington, Sept. 20.—Twenty-seven of 43 standard articles of food showed a decrease in price between July 15 and Aug. 15.

REQUISITION AUTOS.
Belfast, Sept. 20.—Using 20 steel automobiles, Sinn Feiners forced pleasure seekers to drive them about.

SMALL LEADS OGLESBY FOR NOMINATION

McKinley Seems to Have
Defeated Smith for Sen-
ator—Count Begins.

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 20.—Official canvass of the state primary vote will be delayed until some time next week, it was announced by the secretary of state today. This delay will be occasioned by the anticipated slowness of some counties in certifying their official totals. The official primary canvassing board is composed of the governor, the secretary of state and the state treasurer.
Chicago, Sept. 20.—(United Press.)—Official canvass of the vote in last Wednesday's state primary was started in Chicago's 2,210 precincts today. It was expected to be completed Wednesday.

Fending the official announcement, Len Small, Thompson candidate, had a lead of 6,000 over John G. Oglesby for the Republican nomination for governor, and William B. McKinley, Lowden candidate, was leading for the senatorial nomination.

Chicago, Sept. 20.—The official canvass of the votes in last Wednesday's primary election was started here today by Chief Clerk James F. Sullivan and a large staff of assistants. The Republican nominations for United States senator and for governor depend on the outcome of the canvass.
"Unofficial returns compiled by Chicago newspapers from the majority of the 265 Chicago precincts still missing put Len Small of Kan-kakee in the lead for the Republican nomination for governor over Lieutenant Governor John G. Oglesby, but with errors totaling several thousands already discovered the race is still so close that the Oglesby backers are not willing to admit defeat.

Unofficial returns from many of the missing precincts indicate Congressman William B. McKinley's final plurality over Congressman Frank B. Smith in the Republican senatorial race will be approximately 10,000."

Watchers of virtually every candidate were on hand when canvass started.
Searing Chosen State's Attorney.
Springfield, Ill., Sept. 20.—Nomination of John Searing as Republican candidate for state's attorney of Jackson county was made certain today by instruction from the attorney general's office that the Jackson county canvassing board had no authority to throw out precinct returns because of irregularities.

COAL MINERS RESUME WORK

End Vacation Strike in Haselton District—Reports from Other Mines.

Haselton, Pa., Sept. 20.—The "vacation" strike of the anthracite coal miners was virtually ended today in the Haselton district. Practically all the collieries resumed operations. Many of them, however, were crippled by the short working forces.

Lehigh Valley railroad officials announced that an ample car supply was on hand to take care of the collieries and that the prospects appeared bright for a near normal output in this district.

Shamokin, Pa., Sept. 20.—Complying with the order of the general committee issued Saturday, the miners in Shamokin district continued their "vacation" today and will not resume work until after another meeting Wednesday night. Unless all men are reinstated by that time, the general committee declares, the suspension will be continued.

Reading, Pa., Sept. 20.—Reports from the Schuylkill hard coal region received from coal companies today indicated slightly more than 75 per cent of the men have resumed work.

OFFICIALS GET POSTAL WARNING BUILDING WILL BE BLOWN UP TOMORROW

RED FLAGS ARE HAULED FROM WALLS

Italians Get Factories
Back As Government
Settles With Labor.

Rome, Sept. 20.—(United Press.)—Italy prepared herself further today for an experiment in economics by granting labor an extensive share in the management of factories.

With a decree issued for a commission of workingmen, employers and technical experts to draft a control of industries bill, a movement to evacuate factories seized by employees was under way.

Conferees between employers and employees in cities where plants were taken were reported today to have resulted in agreement except on the punishment of workers for crimes committed while within the plants. That was regarded as a minor matter, and in Naples, Turin and Genoa red flags were hauled down from factory walls. Owners again took possession of their property.

Representatives of working men called on Premier Giolitti to urge that parliament be convened at once to enact the control bill. The request was refused on the ground that the commission first should meet and prepare the measure.

GRAND ARMY HOLDS REUNION

Many Veterans Greet Comrades and Are Welcomed by Indiana Governor.

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 20.—Many veterans traveling, but looking forward with eager anticipation to another meeting with their comrades of '61, thousands of Civil war veterans arrived here today to augment the thousands already in the city for the fifty-fourth annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Special trains brought large delegations from surrounding states, while many individuals arrived from more distant points.
Today was given over to committee meetings of allied organizations. Tonight the veterans will be given an official welcome by Governor James P. Goodrich. Daniel M. Hall of Columbus, Ohio, commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., will respond.

Others to speak at the reception are women of auxiliary organizations. Headquarters of the Woman's Relief Corps will be established here today and committee meetings will be held.

ROUNDS TURN ON WEST TOUR

Governor Cox in 14 "Working" Days Has Campaigned Eleven States.

San Diego, Calif., Sept. 20.—(United Press.)—Governor James M. Cox, with his speech here today, was "rounding" the turn of his swing around the circle.
Touching the most distant outpost of his nation-wide stump battle here the Democratic candidate, after invading Los Angeles tonight and tomorrow morning, will again be moving toward the strategic middle western and eastern campaign ground.

In 14 "working days" Governor Cox has campaigned in 11 states, making an average of nine speeches daily.
Cox now is in a section where it was admitted there is stronger sentiment for the league than in any locality of the west and Democrats were banking on southern California piling up a majority sufficient to overcome the Republican strength in the northern part of the state.

Governor Cox was to speak here at noon and leave for Los Angeles at 3 o'clock where a big night meeting is scheduled.

GUARD ROCKFELLER'S ESTATE.

Tarrytown, N. Y., Sept. 20.—Twelve extra guards, armed with rifles, patrolled the roads adjoining the estate of John D. Rockefeller, during the night, it became known today.

Two boys reported that they had met two strange men who asked where Mr. Rockefeller lived, and taking spectacles from their pockets and trying them on, inquired if they made much difference in their appearance. They said the men later left for New York in a taxicab.

Department of Justice Inclined to Regard Card as a Hoax.

New York, Sept. 20.—A postcard warning that an attempt would be made tomorrow to blow up the customs house, after the Wall street explosion last Thursday, was received in the mail today by William B. Edward, United States collector of internal revenue for this district.

This postcard, signed "A Citizen," was turned over to the custodian of the building by Mr. Edwards, who also notified Postmaster Thomas G. Fatten. The department of justice, too, was informed of receipt of the postcard. Mr. Edwards said he was inclined to regard the warning as a hoax.

New York, Sept. 20.—The body of the one victim of the Wall street explosion which had remained unidentified, was recognized at the morgue today by Mrs. Olive Kehrer as her son, Elmer Wallace Kehrer, 21-year-old chauffeur.

The September grand jury was convened today to investigate the explosion that shook the financial district last Thursday, killing 34 and injuring nearly three hundred others. Subpoenas were issued for scores of eyewitnesses of the blast.

Included among those to be examined was Edwin P. Fischer, arrested in Canada, who was expected here this forenoon in custody of detectives. Fischer has testified to having sent warnings to a number of friends here, but authorities attach little significance to his story because of his recognized eccentricities.

Release Russian Journalist.
Interest was attached to the further examination of Alexander Brailovski, a Russian journalist, who has already testified to having been in the vicinity of the disaster in conversation with companions shortly after the explosion occurred. He was later released.
A Russian General, Palmer, was expected to return here during the day and resume personal charge of the investigation by the department of justice.

After Horse Owner.
Efforts to identify the owner of the horse which drew the wagon supposed to carry the infernal machine, were continued. Paint hope was expressed of being able to do so.

Fischer Claims "Premonition."
Edwin P. Fischer, the former Metropolitan tennis star, who was detained in Hamilton, Ontario, in connection with his postcard warnings of the Wall street explosion, arrived here this morning in the custody of New York and Hamilton detectives. He was taken to police headquarters at once.

Fischer, after laughing with a swarm of reporters and photographers who posed for news "movies" showed his way with the detectives to a Lexington avenue lunch room, where he breakfasted on beef stew and coffee, finishing the meal when he washed his face with a glass of water.

He stuffed into his pocket three cigars that he picked up from the Grand Central floor, chuckling as he did so and explaining that he did not smoke, "but his friends did."

When posing for the camera men he was asked to remove his hat. This brought an exclamation: "Have a heart!" he cried.

Requested to talk, he said: "Oh, talk my eye!"
"I'm in the hands of my friends here," he added, referring to the detectives. "That's all I know."

When detectives said they had to invoke the combined aid of the mayor, sheriff, crown attorney, chief of police, United States consul and the immigration authorities of both countries at Hamilton, to get Fischer away, the former tennis star broke in: "Yes; if it hadn't been for them I'd still be up in that darned place!"

At police headquarters, Fischer stuck to his statement that "it was a premonition" that warned him in advance of the Wall street explosion, adding:

"More will happen in the future. Uneven powers have communicated that through me."

Guard Rockefeller's Estate.
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